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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7203

BILL NUMBER: SB 397

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2004

SUBJECT: Board of Animal Health Issues.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Jackman

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Chowning

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the Board of Animal Health (Board) to meet using specified means of communications. This bill provides the Board with authority over pests of animals and objects that could harbor a pest or disease. The bill allows the Board to pay certain indemnity costs related to condemned animals and objects, including disposal and disinfection costs. It prohibits indemnity in certain circumstances. The bill removes the limit that can be paid for cattle because of tuberculosis. It also repeals certain definitions. The bill makes technical amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill makes a several changes to administration and authority of the Board of Animal Health. Despite these changes, the Board of Animal Health is expected to absorb any administrative costs associated with the changes in the bill.

The bill conforms state law regarding the use of the Board of Animal Health's Indemnity Fund to the Board's current practice. It also removes the limit on the amount that can be paid for cattle due to tuberculosis. The changes are not expected to increase payments made from the Board of Animal Health's Indemnity Fund. The Board received a General Fund appropriation for the Indemnity Fund of \$49,430 for the FY 2004-FY 2005 biennium.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Animal Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

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